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Brigadier General A. J. Goodpaster
Staff Secretary
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Andy:

During the last session of the Congress the Central Intelligence Agency was called upon increasingly to brief various congressional committees concerning our estimate of critical world situations and, in varying degrees, to disclose the role played by this Agency in these situations. In several occasions it was suggested that such briefings and disclosures be regularized in such a way as to keep the Congress better informed regarding our best estimates of critical world situations and the activities of this Agency.

The Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee has specifically requested that I provide him with a plan as to how this objective can be accomplished insofar as his Committee is concerned. Whatever action is taken with regard to this particular request is extremely important inasmuch as it may well be used as a precedent by other committees.

As you know, we brief the Senate and House Appropriations Committees each year when we appear in connection with our appropriation request at which time we gladly answer whatever questions they wish to ask. In each house our subcommittee is composed of the five senior members of the entire Appropriations Committee. We also meet periodically with a subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee of each house at which time we respond to any questions that they desire to ask. These subcommittees are also made up of the senior members of the entire Armed Services Committees.

I would greatly appreciate your advice and guidance in connection with this matter and would, of course, be glad to discuss it with Bryce Harlow or anyone whom you may care to suggest.

Sincerely,

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